Reply.—This matter is engaging the attention of Government.

383. Raising the standard of the English Middle School.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that the Fourth Form might be immediately added to the English Middle school in Shencottah and its status gradually raised till it became a High School.

Reply.—This matter will be looked into and orders passed.

384. Acquisition of jungles on the sides of hill streams.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that it was desirable to acquire jungles on the sides of hill streams with a view to prevent the people from clearing the same and thereby causing diminution of water-supply.

Reply.—This is no doubt a sound principle to be kept in view. In regard to old cases, the matter will be considered.

385. Undesirability of registering Manibhom lands in the names of those who enjoy them

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that the recent Government Proceedings directing the registry of Manibhom lands in the names of those who enjoyed them for particular services caused insufferable inconvenience and loss to the people and became a source of undeserved wealth for no service and at little cost to the Manibhom holders. He, therefore, suggested that they might either be made to perform services as hitherto independent of the small value they had to pay to have the lands registered in their names or the value might be refunded to them and the lands got back and entrusted to the people in common.

Reply.—This taluk has been already settled and the question cannot be reopened.

386. Destruction of crops by wild animals.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that a hunting party might be organised under the supervision of Forest officers and directed to roam about the villages for the destruction of the wild animals causing damage to crops.

Reply.—It is not found possible even for police officers to successfully keep out thieves by patrolling along villages. Much less is it

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possible for a hunting party to prevent the inroads of wild animals at night. The lives of animals are valuable and indiscriminate shooting cannot be permitted, as suggested.

AMPALAPUZHA TALUK.

387. Improvement of canals from Poracad to Alleppey and Alleppey to Changanachery.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker (*Ampalapuzha*) requested that the canals from Poracad to Alleppey as well as from Alleppey to Changanachery, and more especially the former, might be improved.

Reply.—Both these canals are reported to be well maintained. No further works seem to be necessary now.

388. Opening of a dispensary at Edathuva or Anapramba.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker represented that Thalavadi was a populous town and that before the reorganisation of the Medical Department there was a dispensary at Edathuva which had been since abolished. He prayed for a new dispensary being opened either at Edathuva or at Anapramba.

Reply.—This is not deemed necessary.

389. Cutting and opening of the Chirayil Muttoo.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker brought forward this subject and prayed that it might receive the early consideration of Government in the interests of the agricultural population of the locality.

Reply.—This seems to be an important matter. Further information will be called for and orders passed.

390. Undesirability of registering portions of land acquired for the Wadai canal as puduval.

Mr. M. Narayanan Panicker represented that it was undesirable to register these lands as puduval in the names of private persons, and requested that they might be either reserved as Poramboke or given back to the original owners.

Reply.—This has been already sanctioned as part of an improvement scheme for the Alleppey Town. The excess area is intended to be sold as house sites.

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